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SUBJECT: VISIT OF AMBASSADOR LEONARD: MORE INFORMATION ON
SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE APRIL 24-26

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1. THE EMBASSY HAS AGAIN BEEN IN COMMUNICATION WITH THE
FINNISH SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (SDP) ORGANIZERS OF THE
SUBJECT CONFERENCE WHO HAVE PROVIDED ADDITIONAL INFORMA-
TION CONCERNING PROBABLE SPEAKERS.

2. THE SDP ORGANIZERS ARE CURRENTLY SPECULATING THAT THE
SOVIET SPEAKER MAY BE HIGHER RANKING (WITHIN THE CPSU)
THAN GEORGI ARBATOV. THEY INDICATED THE POSSIBILITY THAT
POLITBUREAU CANDIDATE BORIS PONOMAREV MAY BE THE
SPEAKER BUT THINK IT MORE LIKELY IT WILL BE SOMEONE
"BETWEEN" PRONOMAREV AND ARBATOV.

3. THE ORGANIZERS SAID THEY NOW HAVE FIRM COMMITMENTS

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FROM FRANCOIS MITTERAND AND BRITISH FOREIGN MINISTER
DAVID OWEN THAT THEY WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE CONFERENCE,
THEREBY JOINING OLOF PALME AND WILLY BRANDT WHO HAVE
ALREADY ANNOUNCED THEIR PARTICIPATION. IN ADDITION,
THE ORGANIZERS ARE EXPECTING REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
JAPANESE AND BELGIAN SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTIES TO
ADDRESS THE CONFERENCE.

4. THE TENTATIVE AGENDA HAS THE CONFERENCE BEING OPENED
BY FINNISH PRIME MINISTER SORSA IN HIS CAPACITY AS
CHAIRMAN OF THE FINNISH SDP FOLLOWED BY A SPEECH BY OLOF
PALME. THE UNITED STATES AND SOVIET GUEST SPEAKERS THEN
FOLLOW WITH THE U.S. SPEAKER GOING FIRST, IF AGREEABLE
TO AMBASSADOR LEONARD.
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